**Employment under Scarcity Relief Works in States**

498. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of persons employed every day in scarcity relief works in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat during the current year; and

(b) the expenditure incurred for providing employment to drought affected people and how much of that was provided by the Union Government as central assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The average number of persons employed every day in scarcity relief works in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat during the current year is as under:—

| | |
|---|---|
| Madhya Pradesh | .. 5.13 lakhs |
| Uttar Pradesh | .. 5.43 lakhs |
| Rajasthan | .. 17.00 lakhs |
| Gujarat | .. 17.10 lakhs |

(b) The Central assistance approved to these States for employment generation works under drought relief and the expenditure incurred by them till 31.1.88 is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

| | Ceiling approved | Expenditure incurred |
|---|---|---|
| Madhya Pradesh | 53.37 (upto 30-6-88) | 47.38 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 100.62 (upto 31-3-88) | 28.50 |
| Rajasthan | 280.50 (upto 30-6-88) | 183.74 |
| Gujarat | 204.00 (upto 30-6-88) | 218.21 |

**Inclusion of More Areas under Drought Prone Area Programme**

499. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to include any more areas/districts under the Drought Prone Area Programme in view of the recurring drought conditions in those areas and also in view of the need of a long term planning to mitigate the suffering of the inhabitants of these drought prone areas due to frequent and re-current drought conditions and if so, the details thereof and is not, the reasons therefor;

(b) on what basis the DPAP districts were chosen and whether there has been any demands from various States to include more areas under the DPAP;

(c) whether Government have reviewed the impact of the Drought Prone Area Programme in various districts and to what extent the severity and recurrence of drought in these districts has been reduced as a result thereof; and

(d) the total amount spent so far under the DPAP?